

# SIDE EFFECTS 5: Clean Squad, Board President, Trinity CARES

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## SIDE EFFECTS: A Hospital Play!

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**Fri July 19 - 7pm  
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**CLEAN SQUAD**  
AN ANTISEPTIC ADVENTURE

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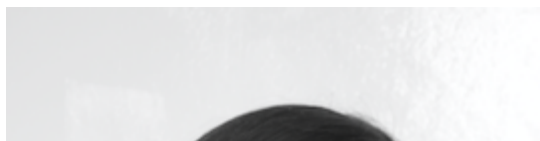


Directed by Co-founder Alex Smith, *Clean Squad: An Antiseptic Adventure* is our first original scripted work. This play will be brought to Children's Hospital, Ochsner's Hospital for Children, and the New Orleans Women and Children's Shelter free of charge. Public performances will be held at Trinity Episcopal School (1315 Jackson Ave) on July 19th (7pm) and July 20th (2pm).

Join an intrepid team of cleaning supplies: the savvy Spray Bottle (Zondra Howard), a grouchy but wizened Uncle Sponge (Philip Yiannopoulos) and the mighty Detergent (Leland Ensminger), as they battle against the Evil Germ (Helen Jaksch)! Will our heroes be able to stop the spread of the malevolent microbe? Will we ever be able to shake hands, bump fists, or High-Five again without risking doom and 'germification'? Get ready for the squeaky-clean Antiseptic Adventures of the Clean Squad!

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Prescription Joy welcomes Cortney Busch as our Board President!

Cortney's vast nonprofit experience combined with her endless passion and dedication for helping others has brought our organization to new levels. We are already beyond grateful. [Click here to read Cortney's full bio.](#)



## Trinity C.A.R.E.S. Health Fair

Waaaay back in May, Prescription Joy had a wonderful time at Trinity C.A.R.E.S. Health event! Our clowns played carnival games, tied helium-filled balloons to different appendages, passed out Vitamin C candies (the C is for "clown" ...in case you were curious), and, of course, hosted our first-ever Quiche Throwing Contest! Kiddos lined themselves up to launch shaving cream-filled cupcake holders at the clowns, and each other. Not only did we have fun, but we also got to talk to folks about the work Prescription Joy does in hospitals. A big shout out to Linh Le for creating such a spectacular event!



### TEACHING VOLUNTEERS

Children's Hospital asked Prescription Joy to hold a brief workshop for their volunteers. Becca Chapman and Alex Smith chatted all about interacting with patients and families when in character. They played an improv game, talked all about kilts, and shared some interaction techniques that help kiddos feel empowered in a hospital. Joe and Goe were scheduled for a CHNOLA visit that day, so our new friends got to observe and join our janitors for a part of the afternoon, too!

### SUPER HEROS

While at Children's Hospital, Joe and Goe were just putting the finishing cleaning touches on the main lobby. As they were about to head out, they encountered a superhero duo of astonishing power! As it turns out, one of the powerful pair, disguised in a fabulous glitter and sequin mask (to protect her and her family's identity no doubt, as well as strike fear into the hearts of ne'er-do-wells) displayed her astounding ability to freeze any object (or person!) she merely touched! Goe was summarily frozen in place, and despite best efforts, Joe was soon crisply captured in a statuesque pose. Our superhero seemed to enjoy toying with her charges, repeatedly re-freezing the janitors in all sorts of silly poses!

Just when Joe and Goe thought they would be riding out the next century in a cryogenically preserved state, to be thawed out when flying cars were the norm, along comes a second warrior for good! This hero, likely a sibling to the ice mistress, could be no more different! Also hidden behind a mighty mask, this hero could control FIRE! With a blast from his fiery fingers, the janitors were immediately thawed out!

What followed was a tale as old as time. Ice versus Fire. Cold versus Hot. Flames taking on the Glaciers. Joe and Goe had become a battle-ground for the two to duke it out, to



### THE STICKER SHARER

Normally, Joe and Goe spend a portion of their visits distributing "Staff Appreciation" to the folks that work at the hospitals they visit. Recently, they were touched when they became a recipient of staff appreciation themselves! In a waiting room, Joe and Goe noticed some amazing Avengers-themed stickers a new friend was sporting. After receiving a compliment on his dynamic decorations, he immediately pulled them all off and offered them to both Joe and Goe! It was such a wonderful, touching moment, our duo was (nearly) speechless and definitely, a little choked up. They were worn with pride till the stickiness was all gone from each sticker!

Later in the day, this same friend then asked Joe and Goe if THEY wanted some candy! Definitely a first for the clowns, they were incredibly grateful for the gift! Perhaps all the staff appreciation going around to the workers of the hospitals is rubbing off on the little ones!

It's so wonderful to meet such compassionate, giving folks wherever RxJoy goes! Each experience is so very sweet and humbling (also sweets and stickers are AWESOME, so that's a perk too!)



### Other brief highlights:

- Learning bed yoga poses from a friend in quarantine.
- Helping pals in rehab work on language skills using comedic analogies.
- Singing the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles theme song with a friend at their bedside.
- Befriending a flute player at Ochsner and then dancing while blowing bubbles in the

see once and for all which element reigned supreme. Hot! Cold! Freeze! Melt! The battle raged, throwing out clowns into more and more silly shapes as they alternatively froze and thawed in a surprisingly fun and highly aerobic game of cat and mouse!

After a long drawn out session of alternately freezing and melting Joe and Goe, the two superheroes turned on their parents! Soon, the perilous progenies, laughing along with their folks, lead the way out the door, their elemental clash turned to a truce...for now!

main lobby to 'Titanic's "My Heart Will Go On!"

-Long, in-depth conversations about video games and how to catch gators from folks in Oncology.

-Getting a security guard at Children's to wear a red nose.



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Music by Michael Silversher

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